

February 4th, 2009

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Commissioners
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Re: Request for Hearing
Ostrenga Family Transfer Denial

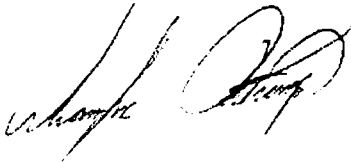
Dear Commissioners:

I feel that the board's decision to deny my family transfer application in November of 2008 was based on incorrect facts. The cases that Karen Mahar cited as cause for exemption were in no way similar to our situation. I have done some further research and determined that the cause for denial was based on the assumption that the property that I was trying to transfer was a contiguous tract to my existing home. According to the minutes from the appeals meeting in November, my situation has been compared to a case in Lake County noted as *Martinson v. Harding*.

If the tracts were indeed contiguous, then we would be should be granted the right to do a property boundary relocation. Tristan Riddell informed us that we could not do a boundary relocation because of the railroad track running between the two tracts of property. We have tried to approach this situation from every angle. Tristan is aware that we wanted to try and release the farmhouse with a few acres and keep the existing land for my family members.

What I am requesting is that we reschedule the appeals meeting for a second hearing to review some of the facts used as cause for denial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Douglas Ostrenga', written in a cursive style.

Douglas Ostrenga

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